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In the Specification

Please substitute the first paragraph on page 33 through the third paragraph on page 34 with the following paragraphs.

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For this approximate physical model, we consider the substrate as three equal layers each of thickness $\Delta h/3$. We estimate the temperature rise of the top, directly heated layer and then compare this to an estimate of the heat transferred through the

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